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# **Peri Operative Management Of Morbid Obese Patients Undergoing Non-Bariatric Major Surgery**

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## List of Abbreviations

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| <b>ADH</b>            | Antidiuretic hormone                   |
| <b>AHA</b>            | American heart association             |
| <b>a–a</b>            | Alveolar–arterial                      |
| <b>AE</b>             | adverse events                         |
| <b>AF</b>             | Atrial fibrillation                    |
| <b>AHI</b>            | Apnea hypopnea index                   |
| <b>APAP</b>           | Autoadjusting positive airway pressure |
| <b>ASA</b>            | American society of anesthesiologists  |
| <b>BEE</b>            | Basal energy expenditure               |
| <b>BiPAP</b>          | Bilevel positive airway pressure       |
| <b>BIS</b>            | Bispectral index                       |
| <b>BMI</b>            | Body mass index                        |
| <b>CC</b>             | Closing capacity                       |
| <b>CF</b>             | Cardiac failure                        |
| <b>CHD</b>            | Congestive heart disease               |
| <b>CI</b>             | Cardiac index                          |
| <b>CO<sub>2</sub></b> | Carbon dioxide                         |
| <b>CBW</b>            | Corrected body weight                  |
| <b>CPAP</b>           | Continuous positive airway pressure    |

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|-------------------------|--|
| <b>CPEX</b>             | Cardiopulmonary exercise testing           |
| <b>CSCF</b>             | Clinical Services Capability Framework     |
| <b>DM</b>               | Diabetes mellitus                          |
| <b>DMV</b>              | Difficult mask ventilation                 |
| <b>DVT</b>              | Deep venus thrombosis                      |
| <b>DXA</b>              | Dual-energy radiographic absorptiometry    |
| <b>ECG</b>              | Electrocardiography                        |
| <b>EI</b>               | Energy intake                              |
| <b>EIT</b>              | Electrical impedance tomography            |
| <b>ERV</b>              | expiratory reserve volume                  |
| <b>EtCO<sub>2</sub></b> | End-tidal CO <sub>2</sub>                  |
| <b>FVC</b>              | Functional volume capacity                 |
| <b>FRC</b>              | Functional residual capacity               |
| <b>GERD</b>             | Gastro-esophageal reflux disease           |
| <b>GLP-1</b>            | Glucagon like peptide-1                    |
| <b>HELP</b>             | Head elevated laryngoscopy position        |
| <b>IAP</b>              | Intra-abdominal pressure                   |
| <b>IBW</b>              | Ideal body weight                          |
| <b>ICU</b>              | Intensive care unit                        |
| <b>IDDM</b>             | Insulin dependent diabetes mellitus        |
| <b>IHD</b>              | Ischemic heart disease                     |
| <b>IPC</b>              | Intermittent pneumatic compression devices |

|                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| <b>IVC</b>                         | Inferior vena cava                         |
| <b>JVP</b>                         | Jugular venous pressure                    |
| <b>LAD</b>                         | Left atrial dillatation                    |
| <b>LBW</b>                         | Lean body weight                           |
| <b>LV</b>                          | Left ventricle                             |
| <b>LAGB</b>                        | Laparoscopic adjustable gastric banding    |
| <b>MAC</b>                         | Minimal alveolar concentration             |
| <b>MAP</b>                         | Mean arterial blood pressure               |
| <b>NASH</b>                        | Non-alcoholic steatohepatitis              |
| <b>NC</b>                          | Neck circumference                         |
| <b>NIPPV</b>                       | Non-invasive positive pressure ventilation |
| <b>NMBA</b>                        | Neuro muscular blocking agents             |
| <b>N<sub>2</sub>O</b>              | Nitrous oxide                              |
| <b>NPO</b>                         | Nothing by mouth                           |
| <b>NSAID</b>                       | Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug        |
| <b>OHS</b>                         | Obesity hypoventilation syndrome           |
| <b>OSA</b>                         | Obstructive sleep apnea                    |
| <b>PAP</b>                         | Positive airway pressure                   |
| <b>PACU</b>                        | Postoperative anesthesia care unit         |
| <b>P<sub>a</sub>CO<sub>2</sub></b> | Arterial carbon dioxide tension            |
| <b>PE</b>                          | Pulmonary embolism                         |
| <b>PFTs</b>                        | Pulmonary function tests                   |

|                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| <b>PONV</b>                         | Postoperative nausea and vomiting          |
| <b>P-SAP</b>                        | Perioperative sleep apnea prediction score |
| <b>PSG</b>                          | Polysomnography                            |
| <b>REM</b>                          | Rapid eye movement                         |
| <b>RSI</b>                          | Rapid sequence induction                   |
| <b>RV</b>                           | Residual volume                            |
| <b>S<sub>a</sub>O<sub>2</sub></b>   | Arterial oxygen saturation                 |
| <b>SVR</b>                          | Systemic vascular resistance               |
| <b>TAP</b>                          | Transversus abdominal plane                |
| <b>TBW</b>                          | Total body weight                          |
| <b>TEE</b>                          | Transesophageal echocardiography           |
| <b>TIVA</b>                         | Total intravenous anesthesia               |
| <b>TLC</b>                          | Total lung capacity                        |
| <b>TMD</b>                          | Thyromental distance                       |
| <b>TSH</b>                          | Thyroid stimulating hormone                |
| <b>VC</b>                           | Vital capacity                             |
| <b><math>\dot{V}O_2</math></b>      | Maximum oxygen uptake                      |
| <b><math>\dot{V}/\dot{Q}</math></b> | Ventilation/perfusion ratio                |
| <b>VD</b>                           | Volume of distribution                     |
| <b>WHO</b>                          | World health organization                  |



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# Introduction

## Definition

As defined by the WHO, overweight and obesity are characterized by an abnormal or excessive fat accumulation that presents a risk to health (*Huschak et al., 2013*).

In the United States of America, Obesity is a major public health disaster and in the rest of the developed world. In many developed nations worldwide, the incidence is rising rapidly. This increasing rate represents a pandemic that needs urgent attention if obesity's possible toll on morbidity, mortality, and financial side is to be avoided. Research into the complex physiology of obesity may assist in avoiding this impact.

The annual cost of managing obesity in the United States of America amounts to approximately one billion and ninety dollars per year, or twenty percent of national health expenditures, according to a recent study. (*Cawley et al., 2012*)

The major aim for the anesthetist is to provide safe perioperative care without at all morbidity or mortality for the procedure in morbidly obese patients. To achieve this all the team members should be aware of the morphological, physiological and other systemic pathological changes in obese patients. ( *Trus et al., 2005*).

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# Pathophysiology of obesity

## Classification of obesity

Obesity is a condition of excess of body fat and overweight is an excess of body weight for height. Normal, healthy women have a percentage of approximately 25-30% and healthy men have a body fat percentage of 15-20%. (*Gallagher et al., 2000*).

The body mass index (BMI), which is identified as the Quetelet index, calculated as  $\text{weight}/\text{height}^2$ , with weight being in kilograms and height being in meters (otherwise, the equation is  $\text{weight in pounds } 0.703/\text{height in inches}^2$ ):

a) WHO international classification of adult underweight, overweight and obesity according to BMI is as follows:

| Classification    | BMI(kg/m <sup>2</sup> )  |                           |
|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
|                   | Principal cut-off points | Additional cut-off points |
| Underweight       | <18.50                   | <18.50                    |
| Severe thinness   | <16.00                   | <16.00                    |
| Moderate thinness | 16.00 - 16.99            | 16.00 - 16.99             |
| Mild thinness     | 17.00 - 18.49            | 17.00 - 18.49             |
| Normal range      | 18.50 - 24.99            | 18.50 - 22.99             |
|                   |                          | 23.00 - 24.99             |
| Overweight        | ≥25.00                   | ≥25.00                    |
| Pre-obese         | 25.00 - 29.99            | 25.00 - 27.49             |
|                   |                          | 27.50 - 29.99             |
| Obese             | ≥30.00                   | ≥30.00                    |
| Obese class I     | 30.00 - 34.99            | 30.00 - 32.49             |
|                   |                          | 32.50 - 34.99             |
| Obese class II    | 35.00 - 39.99            | 35.00 - 37.49             |
|                   |                          | 37.50 - 39.99             |
| Obese class III   | ≥40.00                   | ≥40.00                    |

**Table 1:** Cut-offs for BMI-classes represents traditional values in the American and European population. (*Shiwaku et al 2004*).

## b) Physical Status Classification

Obese patients are classified by The American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) as ASA II and those with organ dysfunction (eg. hypertension) are classified as ASA III

It should be noted that the ASA principal cut off points for BMI classification are slightly different to the WHO international classification as follows: